## COMMITTEE FOR REVISION OF FARES IN TRANSPORT SECTOR (FUNCTIONING IN THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM)

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A Committee had been held on 8-8-2011 and the next meeting has been held on 27-9-2011. It had come to the notice of the Committee that the petrol prices had been enhanced by more than ₹ 3/- per liter effective from 15-9-2011. In fact after the report of the committee recommending an increase in the rates of taxi and auto charges dated 14/01/2011, which had been accepted by the Government, there was a marginal increase of petrol and diesel price from 25-6-2011. In the aforesaid background the committee had examined as to whether the rates prevailing required to be re-examined and public notice about the hearing to be held on 27-9-2011 and being given requesting interested parties to come and make representations before the Committee.

However only of representation from the Contract Carriages sector had been present today. Their grievance and recommendations made on a proper basis by a separate report. Since the representation from the motor taxi sector had not come, prima facie we have presumed that at present there is no grievance as felt by the sector. The increase to be marginal as we have also in the meantime received an interim report from the PIATO (Price Increase for Auto & taxi operations) The increase to the property of the picture of the picture

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the sector in respect of Auto-rickshaw operation and taxi operation although has recorded an increase, the effect of such increase has sufficiently been cushioned by way of the increase suggested and accepted by the Government and therefore it may not be necessary to change the structure as on now. In the aforesaid circumstances our recommendation is that no revision for the existing rates may be necessary.

We had also secured statistics regarding the number of auto rickshaws registered in Kerala. It is hoped that the fares in respect of taxi also may be forthcoming. The number of diesel driven auto rickshaws is far in excess than the petrol driven vehicles. Therefore since the trend appears to be price hike in respect of petrol and diesel are not uniform or simultaneous. The request is to be examined whether the rate in respect of petrol driven vehicle and diesel driven vehicle requires to be fixed separately. The Committee will examine this issue in due course

Dated at Thiruvananthapuram on this 27th September 2011.

Justice M. Ramachandran Retired Judge, High Court Ernakulam.

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